

SELWOOD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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**A reminder for parents/carers of
pupils on the Battlefields trip**

**When you collect your children,
please use the school carpark to
avoid blocking the surrounding roads
for residents.**

Dear Parents/Carers

If your child is leaving Selwood Academy at the end of the Summer Term 2023 we would like to provide you with information about using up any balance that may be left on your child's account.

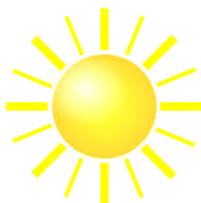
We recommend that any balance is used up before your child leaves as it is not transferable when they attend their new school.

As an alternative we can transfer any balances to younger siblings/relatives who will be staying at Selwood Academy. If you would like to do so, please contact the school by Friday 14 July 2023 to request this; any requests received after that date may not be possible to action.

Parents/Carers, during hot weather, please make sure your child is bring plenty of water, sun cream and hats to wear.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

16th—19th June Battlefields trip
23rd June Mufti day fundraiser for Why? We Hear You
29th June Careers day
30th June Sports day
3rd—7th July Mendip Trip
5th July Yr 8 Transfer Day



A letter has been sent regarding the Year 5 French breakfast. Please can parent/carers ensure they complete the form if their child has any dietary requirements:

<https://forms.gle/zrW51zQKyPjgvgNA8>



Year 8 Leavers Prom – Friday 14th July 2023

If your child would like to attend, please book through ParentPay.

SEND AUDIT



Selwood invites SEND Audit

On Wednesday 7th June Selwood Academy welcomed David Barttram OBE, who has worked closely with the Department for Education to develop the SEND policy. David has worked directly with over four hundred school leadership teams across the UK and supports and advises on best practice for SEND pupils.

During his visit, David met with teaching assistants, teachers, the headteacher and pupils. He undertook learning walks with the SENDCo and looked closely at everything from interventions taking place to the above national average data in SEND pupils' attendance, the positive trend in SEND pupils' results and discussed provision with parents.

"The school has made very good progress with recommendations in the Ofsted report of June 2022. Improvements in communicating pupil information has meant staff have a better understanding of pupil need and the strategies required to ensure they succeed. During the review, staff displayed a strong connection and empathy with the challenges that many pupils face, underpinned by respect, high expectations and kindness." David Barttram.

We have been delighted to work with David and we will continue to work hard to ensure that all pupils at Selwood can let their light shine before others.

Mrs F Hughes—SENDCo

ROAD SAFETY



Road safety awareness intervention with three pupils: Ruby N, Millie R and Max R. The picture attached shows them with their certificates they received at the end of the intervention!

Well done guys!

WELL DONE IZZIE!



One of our pupils Izzie competed in an English competition last weekend for her trampolining.

She competed in her age group for 13-14 year olds and juniors, 13-16 year olds.

She won silver in Juniors and gold in her age group as well as hitting a new personal best!

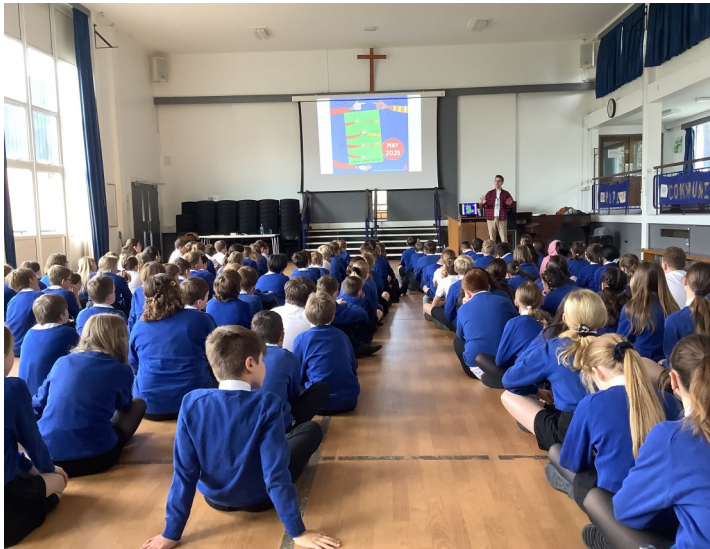
We are all so proud of Izzie and the amazing achievements she has made and love hearing about her most recent competitions and accomplishments!

Izzie will be representing GB in July at the Scalabiscup International Championship, in Portugal.

Well done Izzie!

Please don't forget to share any achievements your child may have had for our future newsletters!

AUTHOR VISIT - YR 5&6



On Monday 22nd May, we were thrilled to host the fabulous author Simon James Green for Years 6 and 7. Talking to pupils about how he got into writing, as well as the launch of his new book 'Finn Jones Was Here', Green entertained the pupils with funny stories and talked about how to take a serious subject (such as grief) and make it appropriate for YA and middle-grade fiction. 'He was funny, creative and I really enjoyed hearing him speak. I'm really excited to read one of his books' said Teagan in Year 6.

Copies of several of Green's books are available in the library and Hunting Raven books in town has signed copies for purchase.



Maths

Year 5 - We are moving on to our final topics of the year based around position and direction, negative numbers and converting units of weight and length

Year 6 - We are continuing our start to the Year 7 curriculum by looking at algebra and equality and equivalence

Year 7 - We are moving on to our final two units of sequences and graphs and transformations

Year 8 - Also moving on to our final topics of graphs and fractions, decimals and percentages.

Parents/Family challenge questions:

Insert arithmetical signs between these numbers to make the equation correct:

$$18 \quad 2 \quad 9 \quad 16 \quad 5 = 100$$



My Gran (Granny Smith) was born on March the 12th 1924. What was so special about her 21st birthday?

SUBJECT NEWS

English

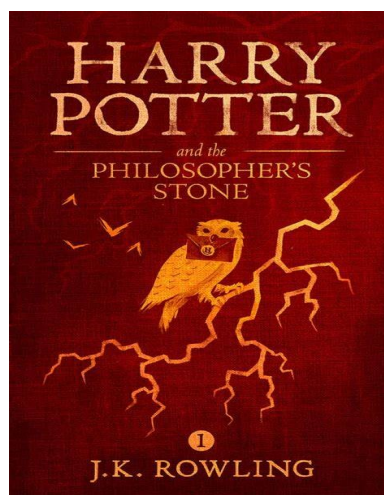
What are we studying?

Y5—Are beginning to study Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone - looking at the structure of novels and how to create interesting an unusual characters.

Please note: We are exploring this as a work of fiction and in no way endorse the politics or point of view of its author when it comes to people's identity.

Y6—Year 6 continue looking at writing skills and creating some amazing pieces of writing for our Writing SATs. We will then move on to completing Windrush Child and exploring short stories from around the world.

Y7 & Y8—Year 7 pupils are focussing on the structure and creation of short stories, before beginning to complete their own short stories. Year 7 and 8 creative writing exams will also take place this week.



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Book recommendations for June (Pride month):

Love Frankie - Jacqueline Wilson

Frankie is nearly fourteen and teenage life certainly comes with its ups and downs. Her mum is seriously ill with MS and Frankie can feel herself growing up quickly, no thanks to Sally and her gang of bullies at school.

When Sally turns out to be not-so-mean after all, they strike up a friendship and are suddenly spending all of their time together.

But Frankie starts to wonder whether these feelings she has for Sally are stronger than her other friendships. **Might she really be in love?**

Frankie doesn't want Sally to just be her **friend**. She wants her to be her **girlfriend**. **But does Sally feel the same?**

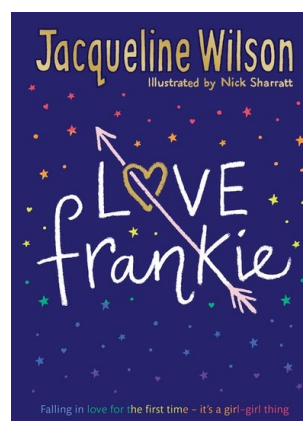
Wranglestone - Darren Charlton

Winter was the only season every Lake-Lander feared...

In a post-apocalyptic America, a community survives in a national park, surrounded by water that keeps the Dead at bay. But when winter comes, there's nothing to stop them from crossing the ice.

Then homebody Peter puts the camp in danger by naively allowing a stranger to come ashore and he's forced to leave the community of Wranglestone. Now he must help rancher Cooper, the boy he's always watched from afar, herd the Dead from their shores before the lake freezes over.

But as love blossoms, a dark discovery reveals the sanctuary's secret past. One that forces the pair to question everything they've ever known.



SELWOOD FESTIVAL



**SELWOOD
CREATIVE ARTS
FESTIVAL**

THURSDAY
13TH JULY
2023

SELWOOD ACADEMY
SCHOOL SITE
6PM-7.30PM

AN EVENING CELEBRATING OUR TALENTED
PUPILS ACROSS THE ARTS WITH MULTIPLE
SHOWCASE LOCATIONS AROUND THE
SCHOOL INCLUDING:

**3 LIVE MUSIC
STAGES** | **ART
GALLERY** | **OUTDOOR
THEATRE**

SPORTS NEWS



The Year 7 & 8 Girls attended a Touch Rugby Tournament on Wednesday 24th May at Walcot Rugby Club held by Bath Rugby . They were competing against 8 other Secondary Schools and placed second place overall. All the pupils received medals, a free lunch and enjoyed time on the inflatables. Well done to Lilly-Rose and Myla-Rose who received coaches' player and won a free Bath Rugby T-shirt.



On Wednesday 25th May, a handful of our year 5 and 6 pupils were selected to participate in the IG Sports Football Festival.

We entered two mixed teams for each year group. All of our teams did exceptionally well. One of our year 5 teams made it into the final where they lost narrowly to a strong Oakfield side.

In our year 6 tournament we were treated to an all Selwood final. The teams were so evenly matched that the game had to be decided by a tense penalty shootout!

Individual awards were given for the goals and saves of the tournament. Errol in year 5 was awarded goal of the tournament for a skilful solo goal. Louie in year 6 scored an excellent hat trick which saw him receive the same award for the year 6 tournament.

It was fantastic to see pupils represent the school who had not previously done so. A big well done to everyone involved!

SPORTS NEWS



Melksham Oak School vs Selwood Academy (Rounders Fixture)

On Wednesday 24th May we took a team of year 7 and 8 boys to Melksham to participate in a fixture against Melksham Oak School.

The boys made a really good start to the match but ended up falling short to a strong Melksham side. The final score was 9-5.

This was the first rounders fixture that this group have played together, it was fantastic to see both year groups working well as a team. A big well done to everyone who took part!

LIBRARY BOOKS



DEREK THE BOOK TROLL IS HUNGRY!

It's that time of year again.

Derek would like all his books back in the Library, this will make sure they are all safe and ready for pupils to continue to borrow and enjoy in the new school year.

There are unfortunately a substantial amount of overdue books at the moment, possibly hidden under beds and behind wardrobes. Please can you all have a big search, especially if you're in Year 8 and moving on to new schools.

Thank you in advance and for all your support of the Library this year.

From Mrs Parker and Derek (the book troll)

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about INFLUENCERS

In today's digital age, social media influencers play an increasingly significant role in shaping the opinions, interests and behaviours of our children. While many of these individuals can have a positive effect, influencer culture can also present certain risks – such as encouraging consumerism, affecting self-esteem and blurring trustworthiness. To help ensure a safe online environment for young people, it's vital to maintain open communication, set sensible boundaries, promote a healthy self-image and teach digital media literacy. Our guide delves deeper into all of these.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

HEIGHTENED CONSUMERISM

A major way that influencers make money is through brand partnerships and sponsored content. As a result, children who follow them may be exposed to a steady stream of advertising; this can lead to materialistic attitudes, unrealistic expectations and an increased desire to have the latest products. Many influencers have built huge brand empires around their large, impressionable following.

THE SOFT SELL

Some influencers aren't always transparent about the motivations behind their posts, blurring the lines between genuine recommendations and paid-for promotions – and young people sometimes find it difficult to distinguish authentic content from advertising. Many major social platforms have taken steps to make sponsored content and ads easier to identify, but it remains an area of concern.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Pushed by their teenage influencers, children may start sharing more of their own lives online – which could reveal personal information or details about their daily routine. This openness can put them at risk of cyberstalking or even predatory behaviour. This is exacerbated by live streaming, which gives young people no time to consider the potential consequences of saying too much.

UNDERMINING SELF-ESTEEM

Many influencers share images and videos of themselves and their activities, which are often painstakingly curated and edited to present an idealised version of their life. Children who follow these influencers may develop distorted expectations about body image and the concept of beauty, which can potentially lead to negative self-perceptions and even mental health issues.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP TALKING

Talk to your child about the content they consume on social media and the influencers that they like. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear online, and listen to any concerns they might have. Maintaining this line of open, honest communication can help your child to make informed decisions about which individuals they follow and what content they engage with.

SET SOME BOUNDARIES

Agree age-appropriate boundaries for your child's social media use, including time limits and privacy settings. On the major operating systems on mobile devices, Android and iOS, have these controls locked off. Try to keep an eye on your child's online activity and discuss it regularly with them – including reminding them of the potential risks that can arise from following influencers.

SUPPORT A HEALTHY SELF-IMAGE

Reinforce your child's awareness that real life isn't usually as picture perfect as it may appear on social media – and how some content (particularly that of influencers) is often curated, staged or edited to look more glamorous. If possible, highlight examples of other influencers who share authentic, relatable material which acknowledges their imperfections and struggles as well.

PROMOTE MEDIA LITERACY

Talk to your child about the concepts of sponsored content, advertising and potential influencer bias. Teach them to critically evaluate the information they're presented with online and to consider the possible reasons behind content creation. This can help young people develop the skill to make healthier decisions about the influencers they choose to follow and the content they consume.

Meet Our Expert

Adverse director of digital learning and currently a deputy headteacher and DSL, Andrew has over 10 years' experience and expertise giving him a deep insight into how to deliver digital systems in a positive, supportive way. He and his partner, a school governor, have helped to ensure that the online environment is a safe and positive one for all.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS



The Frome festival will be taking place between Friday 7th – Sunday 16th July 2023.

The Programme for this is now available for viewing via the link below to view all the exciting upcoming events:

<https://fromefestival.co.uk/>



COMMUNITY EVENTS



BRAND NEW!

- AGES 7-11 WEEKLY 4:30-5:30
- FROME LEISURE CENTRE
- FIRST 3 WEEKS FREE, THEN £5PW
- FROMEDODGEBALL@GMAIL.COM



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